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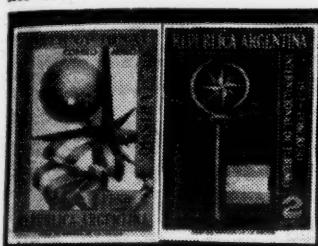
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Topical Collecting Featured

Argentina Issues 2 Demonetizes Over 50

On September 14, Argentina issued two airmail stamps in honor of the "International Travel Congress", in denominations of 1 and 2 pesos. The first shows a "Rose of the Winds" (mariner's compass) with a map of the globe toward the upper left, and the Argentine banner below.



The 2p features a large key, with the same compass design at the top end and the Argentine flag taking the place of the key arm at the lower. The low value is reddish sepia, and the high, greenish blue; 3,000,000 of each were printed.

At the same time the new set was announced, the Minister of Communications released a list of some 54 singles and souvenir sheets of the 1935-48 period which were demonetized as of September 1. Provisions are set up for the exchange of these old issues for valid stamps by persons interested.

Barbara Mueller To Speak, TMPS Dinner

Barbara R. Mueller, of Jefferson, Wis., author of the book, "Common Sense Philately", has been engaged to speak at the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society's banquet. The event, dated for Saturday October 12 at the Scottish Rite Temple, Bloomington, Ill., will mark the high point of the annual convention and exhibition of the group.

The show will be spread over three days, October 11-13, and will feature a large exhibition and bourse, with much emphasis on the junior collector.

Information concerning entries is obtainable from Roe H. Wilson, 208 S. Gridley St., Bloomington, Ill.; banquet reservations from Mrs. Roe H. Wilson, same address, and details on junior participation from Delbert Youngblood, 1301 N. Linden St., Bloomington, Ill.

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Our subscription rate for the United States has been \$1.00 per year since 1947. In that year our paper was running eight and twelve pages per week. Today, in 1957, it averages from 20 to 28.

It should be hardly necessary to point out that paper costs us twice as much in 1957 than it did in 1947; labor costs have more than doubled; postage rates have gone up several times; in fact everything concerned with the production of Linn's Weekly Stamp News has become twice as costly as ten years ago.

Other publications advanced their subscription prices many months ago. We decided to hold to our rate as long as possible, which we honestly and sincerely have done. For that reason we have not made a prior announcement of the increase — we think we have given all a reasonable grace period by keeping the subscription rate at a dollar for over ten years.

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Bird Watching With Stamps

Vera E. Sparkes

He who has a hobby is fortunate, but he who can combine two hobbies into a third and satisfying one is doubly blessed. Topical stamp collecting lends itself particularly to this combination.

Amateur ornithology, or "bird watching", in common parlance, is a hobby at which I have worked with considerable energy for a number of years. Stamp collecting, until recently, was a very minor interest, not much more than a carryover from a childhood stamp collection.

A short time ago, while re-mounting my rather meager stamp collection, I noticed for the first time that many countries had pictures of birds on their stamps. A page-by-page search through Scott's catalog revealed a tremendous number of bird stamps, and at that point a new topical collector was born.

Working entirely alone, I noticed that some stamps had very life-like portrayals of birds, while others had stylized birds, doves of peace, Roman eagles, or what I call "composite" birds. Because

real birds were my major interest, only the truly plausible birds on stamps appealed to me. There were enough of these, however,



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The American Topical Assn. (ATA) never was, and never will be like that. It's the friendliest philatelic society in the world!

The ATA treats each member as an individual. Each gets personal attention, and every effort is made to encourage him or her to enjoy his contacts and membership, meet friends and participate in the many activities.

Upon joining, the new member is sent a form which is filled in and returned. Then the central office determines the interests and likes of the individual and sends copies to the various ATA chapters, units and committees to contact him.

Because every member of the ATA is interested in topical stamps, the organization naturally is a more cohesive group. To begin with, each person has more in common with other collectors than he would have through membership in general philatelic organizations. It can be said truthfully that persons belonging to the ATA have more fun and get to know and become friends with one another quicker through membership in any other stamp collectors' organization.

To further this friendship and cohesiveness chapters have been, and constantly are being formed in cities all over the world.

Five or more ATA'ers in any city or town may organize local chapter. By mutual agreement, they meet whenever and as often as they like, write their own by-laws, based on initial membership in the parent group and hold meetings at their convenience. Collectors can visit and exchange stamps and ideas with each other, on a local level.

These are so popular that they have been formed everywhere in the United States, Canada, Union of South Africa, Europe and elsewhere. Efforts are being made at this very moment to organize a local in cities and towns which do not have one.

Another wonderful service of the Association is the group of study clubs, called units, in which members pool and exchange their research and knowledge. Most

units issue excellent bulletins which include feature articles, check lists and new issues. They have been formed for the study of Stamps on Stamps, Americana, Rotary, Maps, Ships, Sports, Medical Subjects, Music, Railroads, Biology, Fine Arts, Journalism, Royalty, Transportation, United Nations, Space, Satellite and Eisenhower.

Others are in the process of being set up. When a new member joins the ATA, he is invited to become a part of the unit or units which interest him.

Research handbooks are issued regularly. They are authoritative and a number are fully illustrated. These handbooks are now available to non-members.

The 1957 "Topical Digest," a new annual book, reprints articles on topical collecting from better philatelic periodicals all over the world.

The official publication, "Topical Time," published six times a year is a slick-paper magazine with 48 or more pages each issue. Members find it so interesting and informative that early editions are now collectors' items.

"Topical Time," volumes 3-4 (Nos. 11-22) has been reprinted as Handbook No. 12 for newer members who do not have the originals, which are now unobtainable.

Here, perhaps, is the finest testimonial ever received by any other philatelic society. In an unsolicited editorial published on May 6, 1957, George W. Linn, senior editor of "Linn's Weekly Stamp News," called the ATA "The most progressive stamp society," and stated that the ATA appears to be doing more to promote interest in stamps than any other in the nation.

Further proof of these remarks is the phenomenal growth in membership. Since its start less than 10 years ago, the increase has been at a rate of over 500 each year. The last few years the pace of growth has been over 725 each year, and life memberships have more than doubled.

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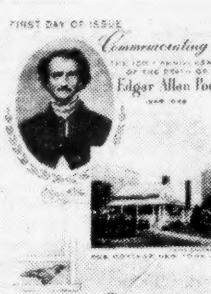
The American Topical Association is international in its membership and comprehensive in its coverage of the topical field of stamp collecting. Chapters throughout the world meet at regular intervals and interested persons are invited to attend. Each year the ATA holds a national convention and exhibition, about which "Linn's" will give full details at a later date. "Topical Time", official publication of the ATA, is published six times a year. Its editor is Jerome Husak.

Persons interested in further information about the ATA can send a stamped and self-addressed envelope to **E. L. CLEVELAND, 5104 W. Wisconsin Ave., Apt. 3, Milwaukee 13, Wisconsin.**

Edgar Allan Poe

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Edgar Allan Poe was an odd sort of writer. Known mainly for his "Gold Bug", and other weird stories, he really was a literary genius, even if some may not consider him so.

He was honored by the United States in 1949 by a 3c stamp, of the Famous American series type (Scott's No. 986). In 1948, Hungary honored him on an 8 forint stamp, deep olive green in color. This stamp depicted him writing, with a larger likeness of him at the right (Scott No. CB-8).

Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston, January 19, 1809, of a theatrical family. On the death of his parents, he was adopted by the John Allens of Virginia. Receiving some education in England, he later attended a private school in Richmond, and the University of Virginia for one year.

He soldiered for three years (1827-31), the last three months of which were at West Point as a cadet. However, he was expelled from the Academy because of disobedience and neglect of duty.

His writings reflect a lifetime of suffering from poverty, ill health, and nervous melancholia. Most noted of his poems are "The Raven", "The Bells", and "Annabel Lee". Among his best known stories—which are many—are "The Gold Bug", "Murders in the Rue Morgue", the "Mystery of Marie Roget", and "The Cask of Amontillado". His poetry is outstanding as a display of a mastery of meter and atmosphere.

Not only did he do much with short stories and poetry—he was also quite a journalist. He was a literary critic and editor in Richmond, Va., Philadelphia, and New York City, on magazines which he raised to popularity and prosperity. He was editor of the Southern Literary Messenger, in 1835.

He became editor, in 1842, of Graham's Magazine. In 1844 he turned to the newspaper field, and became editor of the New York Evening Mirror, for one year.

It was his inability to control his frequent desire for strong drink that kept him from holding these positions longer. He died in Baltimore, Md. at the age of forty.

Because he was, for part of his life, a journalist, he is included in topical collections on Journalism and Philately. For collectors interested in this phase of stamp collecting, there is the Joseph Pulitzer Journalism Unit of the American Topical Assn. They have their own "NEWS-BULLETIN", which features articles such as this, along with check-lists, biographies, and news.

Information on this unit, or on The American Topical Assn. (with its many other units and chapters) is available from the writer of this article at 3306 N. 50th St., Milwaukee 13, Wis.

Topical Collecting Field Growing Fast

The current issue of "Topical Time", official journal of the American Topical Assn., carries a brief summary of the growth of this interesting philatelic publication during the past year. During 1956 individual issues averaged over 56 pages as compared to around 40 pages in 1954, indicative of the rapidly increasing interest in topical collecting.

This trend continues—the mid-summer issue having 52 pages, jammed with a wealth of information valuable to all topical collectors. The lead-off article, "The Story and Development of Communications on Stamps", by Dr. F. E. Colien, a top award winner at the recent TOPEX, is the first in a series devoted to an unusual topic.

Another short series, "Bridge Stamps of the World" by John S. Taylor covers an extremely popular topic with a comprehensive check list. Stamps related to Rotary, scientists, books, flags, Masonry, bananas, maps, Americana and religion all receive recognition through articles and checklists in this issue.

Despite end-of-the-year reports and an article on the society's sixth annual convention and exhibition held in Chicago in June,

the ATA continues its policy of devoting the major part of the space in its publications to stamps and matters pertaining to stamps.

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Tri-State Show At Concord In October

The annual Tri-State Collectors' exhibition will be held in the Concord, N. H. State Armory, rear of City Hall, October 26-27. Planned for the Maine-Vermont-New Hampshire area, is it primarily a philatelic affair, but it is regularly expanded to include entries of interest to numismatists and a variety of other collectors.

One feature of the occasion will be a large dealers' bourse; information about it and other matters, and copies of the prospectus, may be obtained from the Tri-State Collectors' Exhibition, P. O. Box 391, Concord, N. H. Exhibitors are not limited to the tri-state area, and material from more distant points will be welcome.

Baltimore POSTEX Features Stationery

An international exhibition devoted exclusively to Postal Stationery will be held in the War Memorial Bldg., Baltimore, Md., October 11-13. Sponsored by the Collectors Club of Baltimore with full cooperation from the United Postal Stationery Society and the United States Envelope Society, this exhibition will be one of the outstanding philatelic events of this year.

A full schedule of events includes an awards banquet Saturday evening with Ernest Kehr, stamp editor of the New York Herald Tribune as guest speaker. For Friday evening an "Open House" will be held.

An auction featuring the FIPEX medal winning postal stationery collection of Leighton Wells will be held Saturday afternoon at the Emerson Hotel, the official headquarters.

Awards representing a total value of almost \$1000 will be made. The grand award is a silver punch bowl. The best in foreign is a distinctive silver ice bucket. There are also eight silver tea services for the gold awards, together with silver trays for the silver and bronze awards. In addition to the above there will be numerous special awards by various clubs and public officials.

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Lot # Scott # Description Ret. Val.

1 * #20X1 Sc 1875 N.Y. Postmaster VF unused rare

2 * #20XIC 5c no signature VF rare

3 * #22X1R 5c New Haven, Conn. reprint unsigned 1872 VF rare

4 * #10X1 5c Providence VF OG rare

5 * #10X2 10c U.R. corner copy superb OG

6 * #10X2 10c U.R. corner blk of 4 with 3 c. 10X2 10c OG

7 * #10X2 10c U.R. 10c (1) complete sheet VF OG rare

8 * #10XIR 5c Reprint VF

9 * #10XIR 5c Reprint U.R. corner

10 * #10X2R 10c Reprint VF rare

11 * #10X2R 10c Superb "A Gem"

12 * #10X2R 10c nice cancel

13 * #10X2R 10c Superb unused rare

14 * #10X2R 10c Superb "Deluxe copy" Red grid "A Gem"

15 * #10X2R 10c Reproduction, Superb OG

16 * #10X2R 10c 1875 Superb "A Gem"

17 * #10X2R 10c Superb light cancel "A Gem"

18 * #10X2R 10c Superb unused very fresh

19 * #10X2R 10c Superb "A Gem"

20 * #10X2R 10c Superb copy "A Gem"

21 * #10X2R 10c Horiz. pair imperf. "A Gem"

22 * #10X2R 10c type I and II in pair F-VF

23 * #10X2R 10c full OG fresh and V. rare

24 * #10X2R 10c VF full OG

25 * #10X2R 10c VF full OG fresh

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Earl P. L. Apfelbaum Speaks . . .

For the information of those who do not know, Mr. Apfelbaum was the Secretary of the American Philatelic Society, prior to the recent convention in Tampa. Mr. Apfelbaum is also a stamp dealer in Philadelphia and one feature of his business is his auction sales. It is through the auction catalogues that Mr. Apfelbaum speaks. He says many things that he could not say as an officer of the A.P.S., through its official journal.

To get to the point of matters, in a recent copy of a catalog we found three of his brief paragraphs on which we want to comment and in order to do so it is necessary that we quote them. The first paragraph follows:

"We have all read of the iniquities of a small percentage of approval dealers who prey on beginners and children by selling them overpriced and underconditioned junk. These dealers must advertise to get business, and the only place to stop them is at the publication level where any respectable publisher accepts only ethical and honest advertising. You may hope for a plan soon to be put in action that will serve as a 'policeman' by attacking the problem at the advertising level."

We understand the "plan" as referred to above has been worked out by some officers of the American Philatelic Society. Just what the plan is we do not know, but judging from the wording above it must have something to do with "dishonest advertising". Just who is to be the judge as to which or what advertisement is dishonest, we do not know.

Also we do not know if a dealer once found guilty of dishonest advertising, is to be barred from further use of space in the journals that will offer to go along and support such a plan.

To our way of think, the question is not so much dishonest advertising as it is dishonest merchandising. The whole matter as we believe the A.P.S. views it, is more a question of unsolicited approvals and the dishonest merchandising of stamps on approval. At least that has been our experience in watching these cheap approval dealers over the past 60 years. We are ready to go on record by saying that we do not wholly condemn the sending of unsolicited approvals. We believe that this practice if honestly done is helpful in interesting many young and prospective collectors. The fault however is in the dishonest and malicious offering of labels that are not stamps, fiscal cancels and trash of any and every nature that is not included in the Scott Catalogue and that has no recognition among stamp collectors as legitimate material. It also includes poor and even damaged copies of stamps that no knowing collector would ever think of buying. In addition to this there are stamps that are priced at double, triple and even up to five or more times as much as they are priced in Scott's.



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We have seen all this sort of junk in approvals sent to children—children who do not know and who might be tempted to purchase such material. Therein lies the dishonesty and any sincere effort on the part of any group to break up this sort of business can only succeed if all publishers will agree to refuse advertising space to any dealer who is found guilty. Such dealers should first be warned. Given 30 days to clean up his approval sendings and then told bluntly that if he is again caught at the same practices that his name will be posted and decent publishers will thereafter refuse advertising copy of any nature from him. This is a perpetual or annual job, for each year there is a big crop of new collectors among the children and they can only be protected by a constant watch on the dishonest people who prey on them. In any attempt to clean up this sort of business it must be noted that such magazines as Popular Mechanics and various boys' publications are the advertising field through which the sharpies get most of their business. Will such publications crack down on these wolves?

The next interesting paragraph in Mr. Apfelbaum's auction catalogue has to do with the type of questionable labels that we have been attacking in the past couple years. Mr. Apfelbaum refers to this class of material as the "Made in New York" stamp issues. Here is the second paragraph.

"Sometimes we despair of success, but we will never stop attacking the 'Made in New York' stamp issues for what they are—a racket to bilk stamp collectors in the name of dishonest and get-rich quick business methods. There are probably over 150,000 major varieties of postage stamps that have been issued by legitimate government edict. Of these at least 75,000 exist in sufficient quantity to be readily available to any collector. Very few collections ever reach fifty per cent of completion, so it appears that if all a collector's available money is spent on legitimate issues he isn't likely to exhaust the possibilities of acquiring 'good' things. It is almost a certainty that no one would knowingly buy the phantom junk that is flooded upon the market. Only through ignorance of facts are collectors led to spend money for this wall paper. It therefore is the duty of every informed collector and all publishers to unmask the trash as soon as it appears, and save innocent people untold amounts of money that could go into good sound stamps."

The pity about this kind of business is that too many stamp dealers take an active interest in promoting the trash. For example, a high official in the ASDA offered this material in his wholesale catalogue. Other wholesalers also offered the trash. We believe that it is the duty of the ASDA to use every effort to discourage the marketing of any questionable or spurious material. We know that the ASDA does in many instances block the sale and marketing of actual counterfeits of genuine stamps. To our way of thinking any counterfeit of any stamp is a far more desirable thing to acquire and put into a collection than is any of this trashy label material that so often creeps into the market, yet an official of the ASDA offered it openly in his wholesale price lists. Many reputable stamp dealers refuse to become members of the ASDA principally because of its lack of disciplining those who offer questionable material. We believe that membership in the ASDA should be a guarantee to the collector that any transaction with any member will be an honorable one. So much for that second paragraph.

We especially appreciate this third paragraph which Mr. Apfelbaum has published. What he says about the earlier days of philatelic publishing is quite true.

"Old-fashioned editors—the crusading type—have almost disappeared from the United States. At one time we had several in the stamp collecting field, and the magazines that they published boiled with causes that were close to the editor's heart. There appears to be only one of these interesting personages remaining on the scene: George Linn of Linn's Weekly Stamp News. Week after week in his editorial column he praises or paddles, glorifies or lampoons some philatelic issue. No one always agrees with Linn. Some few never agree, but everyone respects his pen and the influence it wields on fifty thousand or more readers."

SMILEATELICS Bob Rieker



"Minutes of the last meeting: Harry Flybottle got up and gave a rather dull and uninteresting talk on inverted centers . . . there was little or no applause."

20,000 Leagues Under The Sea

Hart Simonson

Monaco's 25fr stamp in the Jules Verne set honors his book "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea". It also recalls the longest hitch-hike ride of all time—the travels and adventures of three men who were picked up in mid-ocean, and traveled over 50,000 miles under all the oceans of the world, in a submarine over 85 years ahead of its time.



The stamps of Monaco are a veritable paradise for the topical stamp collector, and this 25fr item is no exception. It will appeal to a wide variety of interests. Collectors of authors and writers on stamps will gladly welcome Jules Verne, who was the father of science fiction, and who has kept scientists and inventors hopping for 90 years to achieve the modern marvels foretold by this prophetic genius.

Ship topicalists are given an excellent view of Captain Nemo's "Nautilus", and the powerful electric searchlight that lit up the dark ocean depths for a mile around—a decade before Edison invented the incandescent lamp! This submarine could descend to depths not even approached until the bathyspheres of recent years. This remarkable vessel possessed speed and cruising range which were never equalled until the first atomic submarine, the U. S. navy's modern "Nautilus" was launched in 1955.

Topical collectors of marine biology also have their inning on this stamp. Fish like the narwhal, shark, cachalot and whale, which had major roles in this world record hitch-hike under the sea, are not depicted. However, a jellyfish or Portuguese man-of-war is shown, as well as a tentacled cephalopod. (Cephalopod means, literally, having the feet attached to the head).

In order to coincide with the locale of the attack on the submarine which is described in the book, this monster should be the giant squid (Architeuthis), but the artist's representation on the stamp appears to belong in the octopus family.

Still other marine animals are illustrated on this stamp, but precise identification is not available. The postal authorities of Monaco have been queried for the official listing of the species of marine life portrayed on this stamp. Once this is received, we shall be glad to verify the theories of any of you ichthyologists who want to confirm how your detective work compares with the artist's conception of these aquatic animals. Happy sleuthing!

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There seems to be quite a bit of certainty in several non-official places that the forthcoming Wild Life Conservation commem., at the moment the last on the docket for 1957, will be in three colors, and will picture the almost extinct Whooping Crane.

This, if true, means that the Giori press will again be assigned to a commem. If the Wildlife is as pretty as two other products of this machine — the U. S. Flag, and the Magsaysay — we'll have a dandy. According to Belmont Faries, stamp editor of the Washington Sunday Star, the format will probably be vertical so that the bird or birds can be shown on the ground. A 1955 Canadian stamp pictured a pair in flight.

Bob Hines of the Fish and Wild Life Service is said to have been assigned the design. He has previously provided the artwork for the Wild Turkey, Pronghorn Antelope and the King Salmon. Release is expected in late October or November.

Mr. Faries points out that the stamp is intended as propaganda to make hunters especially conscious of protection for this species. At that time of the year the surviving "Whoopers" make their annual 2000-mile flight from Canada's Great Slave Lake nesting grounds to the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on the Gulf Coast of Texas.

As far as is known there are only 27 of the Cranes in existence, this as per count last spring. That figure included a pair in the zoo at New Orleans — which came forth with two chicks recently. There were three young birds sighted at the Canadian refuge, also.

1. What denomination of the Columbians shows Queen Isabella pledging her jewels?

2. Which denomination of the Columbians shows Columbus presenting natives at the Court of Spain?

A good friend, whose philatelic opinions I respect greatly, has come up with a thought on the recently publicized die proof of the 1918 24c airmail invert. There was a pane of 100 stamps sold through the Washington, D.C. post office on which the blue airplane was inverted in the carmine frame.

In recent weeks our pages have carried the news of the discovery of a die proof of the invert. The government successfully sued its owner for possession, it apparently being the only one known. Commenting about this bit of paper, my friend writes —

"I hope you are fully aware of the significance of the existence of such an item. The man who wanted to produce the inverts made — as any good printer would — the test first, to see what the final product would be like. Then he proceeded with the printing on regular stamp paper. And finally, one of the products found its way into the post office.

"With such a sequence of events, the name 'error' for the 24c invert no longer applies in my opinion. It has become a hoax, and should be classified as such.

"Hoaxes have sometimes gone through the mails inadvertently, but that does not make them stamps

"The 24c invert seems to lack now the most important feature of an error, namely that it happened accidentally or inadvertently. When even a die proof exists, then this is really a nice way of showing that the regular production procedure was followed

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that this week's edition is devoted to topical philately. It, and the popular collecting by country, are the type thing which attracts and holds 99½% of all the people interested in our hobby. Few have the talent or the patience for research, something which would bore most collectors to death, just as it would in any other highly specialized and intense pursuit of knowledge.

Topical and country collecting are the fun part of stamping and for that reason have the followers. The designs, the colors, the foreign country name — what magic, what pleasure, what travel they provide! No worry here whether two look-alike stamps have similar flyspecks.

A lot of folks just collect United States, which, of course, if pursued in all its aspects, will give a lifetime of stamping. But, should it get expensive or a little old, turn your attention to topicals. You'll never have so much philatelic fun.

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Now the mail comes with letters telling of the discovery of errors on the three-colored Magsaysay — color errors. Here it is the same old story again — lack of imagination — and the forgetting of information which has been printed here a number of times.

A number of keen-eyed collectors have noted that the colors are not always in the exact same place — the blue varying in position with the red and ochre.

It's all very simple — no errors are involved!

Each sheet is passed through the printing press twice. One time it is given the blue color, another the red and ochre. It is almost impossible to have the paper in the exact same place going through the press both times. That being the case there will be variations in the position of the colors.

Joe R. Small of Easton, Pa., where Lafayette College is located, tells me about the hand cancel used on first day covers deposited on the campus. Easton was one of three cities given first day privileges for the La Fayette 3c commem.

In the regular Easton post office the usual "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE" postmark was applied to covers. Those deposited in the college p.o., and they numbered approximately 25,000, had three lines of reading between the four killer-bars. They stated "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE/LAFAYETTE COLLEGE/BICENTENNIAL STATION".

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One of those spur-of-the-moment decisions that come too late to permit proper processing of the project has turned out not too badly after all, according to information received from Paul H. Van Der Zee of the Kenilworth (N. J.) Philatelic Society.

The borough of Kenilworth celebrated its 50th anniversary on September 7; at the last minute the stamp club issued a very attractive green and gold cacheted envelope, franked with the 4c Flag stamp, in honor thereof.

The subject of the imprint is the famous old Revolutionary landmark of an iron kettle grown into the branches of a tree, legend having it that the kettle had been abandoned by Colonial troops after the nearby battle of Springfield, in Northern New Jersey. (Kettle, tree and hill were removed year ago in a railroad development.)

Local publicity resulted in a fair distribution of the covers, according to Mr. Van Der Zee, but the society still has a few extras for collectors. The price is 10c each or 3 for 25c, from the Kenilworth Philatelic Society, c/o postmaster, Kenilworth, N. J.

ATA Offers List Of Topical Handbooks

Following up the announcement that the topical handbooks published by the American Topical Assn. are now available to all collectors, the ATA has prepared a list describing the 42 publications covered by this new policy.

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There are those who make a living by predicting population, economic and other trends but they are not to be construed as "mind readers" in any sense of the word. Here's an example: Such experts can tell school authorities and the public to the nth degree of accuracy what will need to be done 10 years from now to take care of the anticipated increase in school population. By the same token, we can also determine the number of new stamp collectors and older philatelists at any given time one, two or 10 years from now.

With this knowledge at our disposal, it behooves us of the American Topical Assn. to prepare for a grand influx of members to the topical field, and of course, to the ATA, which is now the fastest-growing society of stamp collectors in the world.

In the past few years, more and more frames of topical stamps have been displayed at general stamp exhibitions. Many have won top honors. These numerous top awards have encouraged general collectors to take up topical collecting. Also, the person who knows nothing about stamp collecting is impressed by these exhibits of topicals and usually asks many questions about them and about stamp collecting in general. Ultimately a new collector results.

The Association is prepared for this influx of new collectors. The fundamental principles of topical collecting are thoroughly put across by ATA handbooks, such as "Collect Topicals and Have Fun". In addition, the ATA has issued handbooks for specific subjects, including flowers, horses, ships, cows, dogs, birds, flags, and others.

Handbooks about other popular subjects are in the works now and will be available before long. All these are excellent, authoritative reference books, wanted by ATA members as well as non-members.

Enthusiasm is so great that willing volunteers are always available when a need arises. This speaks well for a non-profit, world-wide philatelic group.

Visitors join the ATA in great numbers at each annual TOPEX exhibition, sponsored by the organization. The fast-growing membership roster also increases through word-of-mouth enthusiasm of members at club meetings and wherever stamp collectors gather.

In not too many years from now, the philatelic world will definitely feel the great impact of the ever-increasing number of topical collectors. Many "long-hair" collectors already feel the impact but are unwilling to admit the real value of topical collecting to the philatelic picture as a whole.

The cost required to complete a topical collection is relatively small. Topical collectors usually form a number of collections as there is no scarcity of interesting subjects to collect. This is possible for another reason—it takes pennies to complete a topical collection, while it often takes thousands of dollars to complete a specialized collection of a particular country.

The ATA offers so much for so little that it is the big subject of conversation today wherever stamp collectors meet. For more information about this great organization and interesting phase of collecting, please write the American Topical Assn., 3306 N. 50th St., Milwaukee 16, Wisc.

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The Waltham Stamp Club is holding its fourth annual exhibition November 8-10 at the V. F. W. Hall, 84 Orange St., Waltham, Mass. The affair will be complete with an auction at 2 p.m. the 10th, and a dealers' bourse for the full duration.

The prospectus is obtainable upon request from Gerald S. Davis, 51 Crosby Rd., Newton, Mass. Interested exhibitors are urged to act promptly, since the closing date for entries is October 19.

**Postage Stamps
Honoring Labor**

Phebe Booth

Most of us associate the month of September with labor. Labor Day, observed on the first Monday in September, has come to be one of the most generally celebrated holidays in the United States.

Workingmen's holidays are as old as Greece, where thousands of artisans and slaves paraded with torches, staves and brickbats to open the Eleusinian Mysteries; or as old as the guilds of Europe who turned out to celebrate on the days of their patron saints. But it was not until 1882 that the United States had a holiday dedicated to labor.

The propriety of setting apart one day in the year in honor of labor was first suggested by Peter J. McQuire of Camden N. J. He was then president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, and was an active leader in the Knights of Labor.

In May of 1882 he submitted a proposal to the recently organized Central Labor Union in New York, that a special day be proclaimed "to show the strength and esprit de corps" of America's workers.

It was argued that there were other holidays representative of the religious, civil, and military spirit, but none "representative of the industrial spirit, the great vital force of the nation." Mr. McQuire thought the first Monday in September was the most desirable date for it came about half way between Independence Day and Thanksgiving Day.

His proposal was adopted by the Central Labor Union and the first Labor Day celebration occurred on September 5, 1882, when the union held its parade in the streets of New York City. Shortly thereafter, it was made a legal holiday throughout the United States and Canada.

Many countries of the world have paid tribute to labor and industry through their postage stamps. Thus it seems appropriate to suggest a collection of labor stamps as a possibility for a topical collection.

Included in such a collection would be the various occupations, professions, tools and places of industry that are pictured on stamps, as well as those stamps issued in honor of labor. One might also extend the scope by including the personalities who have made contributions to labor and industry.

There would be no limit to the possibilities of such a collection. One might start with the N.R.A. stamp of the United States issued in 1933. The design contains figures representing a farmer, a business man, an industrial worker and a woman employee. Although the stamp was issued to arouse the support of the nation in the National Recovery Act, it also symbolizes labor marching forward together.

Another United States stamp

would be the Samuel Gompers commemorative stamp of 1950, issued in honor of Samuel Gompers as an outstanding American labor leader. And of course, there would be the Labor Day issue of 1956, picturing a mural from the AFL-CIO headquarters.

The United States is not the only country to celebrate Labor Day. However in many foreign countries May 1st is the day usually celebrated by labor as its annual holiday.

Countries which have issued stamps in honor of labor include United States, Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, Jugoslavia, Poland, Romania, Russia, and Trieste.

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Of Sail, Steam And Civilization

H. F. Rayl

The study of ships is the study of civilization. From the dawn of history the ship, or its earlier forms, has had a major role in the spread of knowledge and culture. Primitive man, hemmed in by the natural barrier of rivers, led the way to ever-broader horizons when he crossed his first river by clinging to a small log and paddling to the other side.

Later he learned to build a raft to carry himself and his few possessions — man was finally on the move, no longer limited to the confines of a small area, but free to roam the continent.

As man acquired greater knowledge and skills, he improved his mode of water transport. He learned to hollow and shape a log to form a dugout, crude at first but more easily handled than the raft. Each step up the ladder of civilization brought improvement in the design and construction of boats.



Bishop Henrik and monks arrive in Finland in a boat of modern design—of the twelfth century.

The seas and oceans were the last remaining barrier to man's freedom to roam the world, to learn of the knowledge and customs of those in far lands, and to establish the trade so necessary to a civilized world. Sailing ships provided the means to surmount this last barrier. Although small and dependent on the winds, they served early mariners whose thirst for knowledge exceeded their fear of the unknown.

In time came steam, then the diesel, finally—now—atomic power. Civilization has moved far up the ladder, and our modern ships are evidence that they have kept pace—or led.

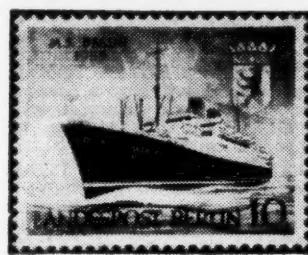


Malaya depicts a Far East rig which has changed little with the passing of centuries.

The collector of ships on stamps may view this pageant of progress merely by turning the pages in his album. There he will find the raft, the dugout, the beautifully-decorated canoes of the Pacific, the

early sailing vessels and the modern liner.

The merchant vessels that have carried the commerce of the world are not neglected. The earliest one depicted is the galley of Queen Hatshepsut which made a trading voyage to the fabulous "Land of Punt" in 148 B.C. The collector may, if he chooses, trace the evolution of our modern navy from the early ram bow galley to the "Mighty Mo" and the atomic-powered "Nautilus".



West Germany's 1955 tribute to the Motor Ship "Berlin" depicts modern progress in water travel.

History is there, too. We find the ships of the great explorers and may review the great discoveries they made and the subsequent effect of their voyages on world history. The great battle fleets which have challenged the rule of mighty empires are there, and we contemplate the changes that have taken place as a result of these engagements. Truly, ships on stamps offer the collector one of the most interesting of all topical subjects.

The Ships on Stamps Unit of the American Topical Assn. is dedicated to research and study of ships illustrated on stamps. One

Of Swans Of Black, And Nuggets Yellow

J. A. Vosburgh

Few collectors of birds on stamps would be interested in a gold rush as part of their collection of bird stamps, but one was responsible for a very rare local stamp depicting the Black Swan (*Chenopsis atrata*) of Western Australia.

Gold was discovered at Lake Lefroy, Western Australia, and in November, 1896, the "rush" was on. At this time there was no postal service in the gold fields. However, in February, 1897, F. E. Maskell remedied this situation by inaugurating a bicycle post from Lake Lefroy and Kalgoorlie to Coolgardie. These were located between the gold fields, where there was a railroad head and a telegraph station.

Mr. Maskell printed 1,000 copies

of the most active Units of the ATA, it issues a bulletin called "Watercraft Philately".

One of the newest ATA topical publications — just released — is handbook No. 19, "Ships on Stamps". It contains a complete list of 9,500 ship stamps, as well as 500 actual identifications of ships by name, construction dates and owners. The volume sells for \$3, and regardless of whether you belong to the ATA, you may order a copy and obtain information about joining the Unit, from the Ships on Stamps Unit of the American Topical Assn., 3306 N. 50th St., Milwaukee 16, Wis.

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by lithograph of a 6-penny red stamp on green paper, in a vertical format, perforation 12. The design reads "LAKE LEFRAY" at the top of the stamp followed by the word "GOLDFIELD" underneath. The black swan is in the center of a double line oval, "CYCLE MAIL" at the top of the oval and "WESTERN AUSTRALIA" at the bottom. At the bottom of the stamp appear the word "POSTAGE" and "6D" in each corner.

In June, 1897, when the government inaugurated official mail service, the local service was suppressed by authorities and the stamp block was defaced. Only about 15 copies of this stamp have been uncovered, most of them badly off center.

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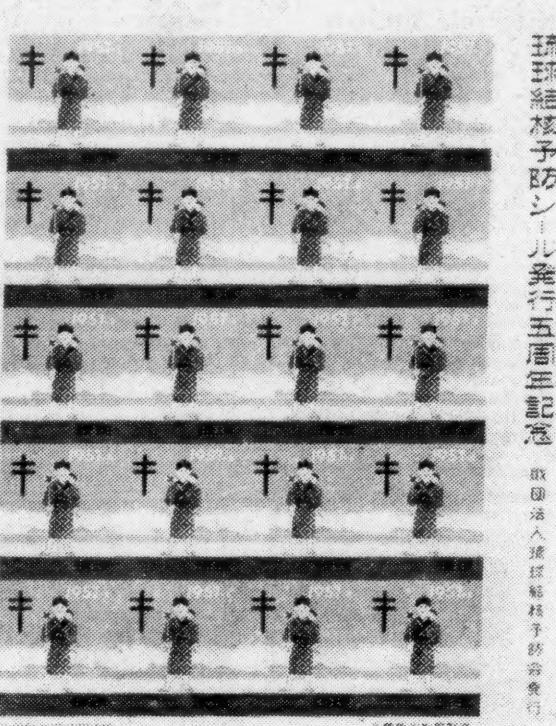
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The Conquest of Space

Frances Fenner

One of the characteristics that distinguish *homo sapiens* from the rest of the animal kingdom is his insatiable curiosity, the urge to know. It is possible that the perspective of human history will mark our generation for its determined assault on the great unknown of space. Our astrophysicists are beating at the barrier between the physical and the meta-physical as hypothesis gives way to thesis, and theory is reduced to practical experiment in our reach for the stars.

In July, 1955 the White House formally announced the plan to launch a space satellite to orbit planet earth during the International Geophysical Year (IGY) now in progress. The International Astronautical Congress meeting in Rome during September, 1956 was honored by the host nation with the issuance of a commemorative stamp (Scott's No. 717) depicting several artificial satellites orbiting around the earth against a background of star-studded blue sky. The astral theme is further represented in this issue by the watermarked paper (star design wmk. 303) on which it is lithographed in "intense blue".



The IGY, a concerted attack on the unknown factors of our cosmic environment, focuses the scientific resources of more than sixty nations on our portion of the universe. Officially extending from July 1, 1957 to December 31, 1958, the eighteen months period is the occasion for an exhaustive physical examination by a great international team of specialists sponsored by the CSAGI (Comité Spécial Aéronautique Géophysique Internationale).

A number of IGY commemorative may be expected. Already Japan has issued an IGY commemorative incorporating the official CSAGI insignia in the design which includes a globe-circling satellite, penguin, and an antarctic expeditionary vessel. The declination of the orbit appears to be that announced for the American satellite expected to take off from Cape Canaveral, Fla. to cross and recross the equator at an approximate angle of forty degrees.



The idea of launching a Space Satellite Unit along with the man-made moon was hatched in the fertile brains of several fellow-topicalists. Glenn D. Everett and Samuel H. Cress of Washington, D.C. being in position to follow development on the vanguard front notified the public via "Topical Time" (Mar-Apr, 1957) of the proposed unit and invited correspondence.

With Frances Fenner Box 46, Afton, N. Y., agreeing to serve as temporary secretary-treasurer, they became provisional president and vice president, respectively to enable the organization to get off the ground.

Plans for a news bulletin, mem-

Bulletin For Map Stamp Collectors

Four interesting articles on map stamps lead the features in the latest issue of the "Carto-Philatelist", official bulletin of the Map Stamp Unit of the American Topical Assn.

Everett Thompson, Springfield, Mass., discusses "Map Stamp Classifications"; G. H. Cockburn, Mission City, B. C., Canada, writes about David Thompson, the map maker for whom Canada recently issued a commemorative stamp; Kathryn A. Fox, Bronxville, N. Y., describes the map stamp "war" between Panama and Nicaragua over the canal route, and A. M. Leitch, Hobart, Australia, reports on a mystery map set which was to have been issued by Soviet Russia. The 14th installment of the map stamp checklist compiled by Wilder Webster, Bellmore, N. Y., membership roster, letters, news items and a map of Taiwan round out the issue.

Collectors interested in map stamps may obtain a sample copy and membership information by sending 25c to Allen H. Seed, Jr., unit president, 47 E. 68th St., New York 21, N. Y.

tory manner.

Members enrolled by the end of 1957 will be charter members, with dues paid through 1958. The nominal sum of \$1 is proposed to defray organizational expenses of the unit. News, views, criticism, and comment, all are invited as space-minded philatelists form this token fraternity of space-buffs.

Scientists tell us that the first human being to reach the moon has probably been born. The tiny toddler who splats sticky hands on Dad's desk, or wrecks philatelic havoc at Mom's card table, will be a member of the policy-making generation of the twenty-first century, A.D.

Our contemporaries, Senior

bership application, membership card and other details are underway. The lively response from collectors confirms our belief in the wide-spread interest in the science-theme-and-space-topic of philately.

The basic problem of communication among widely dispersed adherents will be tackled by a news bulletin. The organizers are leaning heavily on the experience of other ATA units in setting up this group in a practical and satisfac-



BELGIAN EUROPA ISSUE. On September 16 Belgium released its set of two noting participating in the Europa movement — a scheme which foresees the unification of certain nations as a political group. The design, common to both the 2fr. gray and 4fr. blue, is highly symbolic of the productivity of the central European area. Shown are two factory smokestacks, a mine elevator, head of wheat and a bridge. Joachim Dill, Martin Luther Str. 28, (13a) Bad Neustadt, a.d. fraenk, Germany sent the cover.

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Philatelists as a class demonstrate above-average concern with preserving the record from the past and providing a record for the future. In accumulating new issues, cachets, covers and philatelic indicia related to the conquest of space — even in this pre-embryonic stage — a valuable historical treasure may be created for future generations to contemplate.

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Maynard S. Raasch

In this year 2040, 200th anniversary of the postage stamp, it is of interest to reflect on the changes that have taken place in topical collecting. You need only to compare philately today with 1957, the year following FIPEX, to realize how easy our lot has become and what pioneers the topical collectors were in 1957. Though 60% were topical collectors then, it was not until 85% was reached that the merchandisers of stamps realized that here was a lucrative market to be reckoned with and efficiently supplied.

Whereas wholesalers sold only new issues in sets in 1957, they now have discovered that their agents can buy from foreign post offices whatever sheets they wish, according to topic, rather than in sets of sheets. Thus the retailers of today are supplied with stamps by topic.

The abundant statistics of the American Topical Assn., now the largest stamp organization with 40,000 members, reveal which topics are most popular. Dealers are now stocking these topics, just as they have determined which countries are popular and stock their stamps for collectors who save by country as a sideline. In addition, all dealers now offer free topical checklists by catalogue number and find they stimulate business greatly.

Philatelic Supermarket

This is the day of the stamp supermarket, an inevitable development of the claim in 1957 that it cost \$2 to fill an order. Merchandising experts have invaded the philatelic field and set up vending machines from which any one of up to 500 different stamps may be selected. These have virtually taken over the handling of new issues.

In the larger cities, the stamp supermarkets have 200 of these machines and handle 100,000 varieties. The stamps are vended in transparent, protective folders similar to those used for vending stamps for postage in 1957. Filled cartridges of stamps for slipping into these machines are generally purchased in Europe.

Stamp supermarkets are a "natural" and have been enormously successful, as the buyer can make his purchases at his leisure, just as in other types of supermarkets. Only stamps in best condition are put in the machines. Some of these markets even have a gambling type of slot machine that pays off in stamps.

All the machines in the country are under the control of a few large companies. In the smaller towns, variety stores use about 15 of the Philatemats, each with a different topic or two, as the stores appreciate that the profit is higher and the space required is less for a 10c stamp than for a vegetable brush or bottle of hair oil.

Conventional Dealers

The conventional, old-time dealer is by no means extinct, but now sells, besides rarities, those former anathemas, foreign postal stationery, foreign revenues, and what used to be called "non-catalogue" stamps. These classes have become exceptionally popular, as many collectors feel that collecting regular adhesive stamps has become too easy.

Collecting in these fields has increased dramatically as a result of publication by several wealthy philatelists of magnificent catalogues on postal stationery, revenue stamps, the thousands of previously unlisted stamps.

These men say they derive more satisfaction from making monumental compilations than they ever did from assembling a vault full of the customary rarities. Unfortunately, Congress has still not acted to permit full illustration of obsolete U. S. revenue stamps.

Regrettable business practices, such as not filling orders for weeks or not answering orders at all if

Stamps At Royal Museum In Toronto

A precedent is being set, and another step forward is being taken by philately, when the Royal Ontario Museum of Toronto, Canada, lends its quarters to house a stamp exhibition November 8-17. This will mark the first time the Museum has opened its doors to a philatelic display.

The affair is being sponsored by the Philatelic Specialist Society of Canada. It will be non-competitive in nature, with exhibits selected with a view of covering as many fields of philately as possible and to avoid duplication by exhibitors. Both Canadian banknote companies are cooperating and will show ma-

terial that has seldom been seen.

An elaborate catalog of the exhibition, with colored cover, is being prepared. It will contain an article on each exhibit as well as illustrations of principal items displayed by each collector. The catalog will be on sale at the Museum for 25¢; by mail, 35¢ from R. Maresch, 628 Yonge St., Toronto 5, Canada.

The sponsoring group is composed of established philatelists who are members of either the Royal Philatelic Society of London or of the Collectors Club of New York. They are conducting an exhibition only, with no bourse and no admission charge. Various members of the group will be constantly in attendance to answer questions of visitors.

stamps were not in stock—which plagued collecting in 1957 and did it so much harm—have virtually disappeared in today's competitive market.

New Issue News

Stamp newspapers now print illustrations of all new issues and have doubled their value to the reader and greatly increased their circulation as a result. No longer do we have to be content with statements such as "Ruritania is a 5¢ stamp in blue."

A weekly TV program also shows new issues, which has attracted many non-philatelists to the hobby because the scholarly commentary on the designs by a university professor provides a world tour of art, history, religion, science, politics and native cul-

tures. Some trouble may be ahead for the lone general catalogue publisher because the government has charged monopoly. With nearly everything under government control, some suggest that the UPU should take over catalogue publishing.

There is a rumor about publishing a catalogue in color. Foreign governments allow their stamps to be reproduced in color, but the U. S. does not permit such repro-

duction in this country if the foreign stamps are still valid. Our present catalogue, by indicating with a symbol the stamps that are still valid, has been a boon to those who wish to make color photographs of stamps or album pages.

All foreign governments now have philatelic agencies. They bear the cost of insurance for sending new issues, as it is a profitable way of selling paper. Consequently, the number of collectors who buy direct has increased greatly. This procedure is popular with those collectors who feel their stamps should come from the country they represent, rather than from London or Paris.

Many of the agencies supply stamps without gum to collectors. After two centuries of collecting, it is now fully appreciated that gum often has a deleterious effect over the years, besides the annoyances caused in making stamps curl and stick. It is amusing to think that stamps with gum were preferred in 1957, though many collectors wished this were not the case.

All governments now issue detailed explanations of their stamp designs, so that the expensive and

time-consuming search for information needed on even current issues in 1957 is no longer necessary.

Themately

All in all, topical collecting has arrived and is much easier to pursue than in 1957. The debate on whether topical collecting is philately still goes on, and this is perhaps the reason why the British term, "themately," is gaining ground. It allows more time for collecting by ignoring the argument.

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As beautiful as anyone might desire, this is a stamp which shows July 4, when the 4c tri-color flag country's flag in three colors. The wish did not come true until last all parts of the world, and proudly tells everyone, everywhere, about our nation's banner postage-wise in the liberty and freedom of a brave people. Previously, the U. S. flag had been shown on other U. S. stamps, but never in full color.

In the past, the Flag of the United States has been pictured in red, white and blue on a number of foreign stamps. One of the most beautiful was issued by Spain in 1937. The Spanish flag is shown at the left, the Flag of the United States at the right, and the Statue of Liberty between.

Other countries which have illustrated the U. S. flag in red, white and blue include the Dominican Republic 1940 stamp to commemorate the founding of the Pan-American Union in 1890. Bolivia also honored this same anniversary with a stamp picturing all 21 flags—in full colors—of the nations comprising the Pan-American Union. The Dominican Republic again showed our flag in colors in a 1957 sports set. Brizal, in 1945, showed a broadside of the U. S. flag, with an inset of the 1776 colonial flag and snake, signifying "Don't Tread On Me".

Additional nations which show the Flag of the United States in full colors include Suriname, Liberia, France, San Marino, Panama, Ethiopia, Korea, China, Russia, Turkey, Paraguay, and Ecuador. Many nations have issued stamps picturing the United States flag in one color.

A truly beautiful topical collection can be formed of stamps showing the Flag of the United States.

Harry Gaffen, 10 Russell Grove, Bristol 6, England, has a very interesting price list of George VI and QEII issues, plus many older colonial offerings, and an unusual offer to trade. U. S. collectors may send their duplicate mint com-mems for exchange at face for assortments of all-different GVI and QEII issues at face. Write him for details and a copy of the new price list.

Operating a business from a trailer poses its problems, according to Howard B. Stoddard, 204 Cornwall St., Salinas, Calif. "I picked small merchandise—stamps—even small countries like Japan, Korea, Philippines," he explained, "but still ran out of room fast; had to decide between trailer and stamps. Now have a cabana and stamp business, and one trailer for sale. Anybody interested?"

N. L. Stanton, 1819 Ave. "R", Brooklyn 29, N. Y. has assembled a fine stock of U. S. mint in singles, blocks and plate number singles and blocks. He invites collectors to write for his new price list which offers a large variety of these items at attractive prices, with some special offers in mint single sets. Mr. Stanton makes a specialty of catering to want lists of elusive plate numbers.

The Stamp Collectors Guild, P. O. Box 1, Staten Island 14, N. Y. which is widely known for its unusual offerings of mixtures from all over the world, announces the passing of the firm's founder, Samuel Berzin, at the age of 87. Company director Ben Berzin asks the indulgence of collectors toward any delays which may take place in business transactions during the period of mourning.

Canada at wholesale, used, mint plates—the latter in a special close-out offer—are included in a new price list for dealers only, by A. H. Therien, 31 Stream Ave., Dorval, Que., Canada. Beginning with Scott's No. 77, he has practically all of them by the ten or more, and some of the more elusive numbers not usually found on wholesale lists. Dealers inquire on their business letterheads.

Simple designs, appropriate colors and pertinent themes are the descriptions one might apply to the cacheted first day covers produced by the Mission Stamp Department, Teutopolis, Ill. These are made in limited editions by the silk-screen process, and are usually of two or more colors. An ad this edition tells about the service.

For a number of years the book "So You Want To Invest In Stamps" has been a guide to those with a few spare dollars. It was written by Capt. C. E. Milbury who is offering copies through the Ne-

LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS**Editorial Board For Essay-Proof Journal**

With the resignation of Mrs. Edith M. Faulstich as editor of the "Essay-Proof Journal", quarterly of the Essay-Proof Society, an editorial board has been appointed to continue publication of the noted journal.

As announced by Henry Gates, president of the Essay-Proof Society, the editorial board will be composed of Julian Blanchard, a former editor of the Journal, Joseph G. Reinis, secretary of the society, and David Lidman, who will be chairman of the body. Mrs. Rae D. Ehrenberg, has been appointed advertising director.

The "Essay-Proof Journal" was founded by the Essay-Proof Society when the latter was formed 15 years ago. It will complete its fourteenth volume with the October issue.

Mr. Gates stated that news and editorial matters should be processed through the board chairman, David Lidman, 6 Sixth St., Park Ridge, N. J., and that advertising matters should be forwarded to Mrs. Rae D. Ehrenberg, 164 W. 79th St., New York 24, N.Y.

tune Co. via an ad under "Publications" in the classified section. One of his famed Sea Jug Post covers goes with each copy of the book.

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Magsaysay First Day Figures Given By POD

Figures released by the Post Office Department indicate that on first day of sale, August 31, 691,741 copies of the 8c Magsaysay commemorative stamp were sold. Face value totalled \$55,339.28.

First day covers serviced were 334,558, accounting for approximately half of the stamps sold.

BIRD WATCHING
(Continued from page 1)

to make a fine collection, and I set out to acquire and identify as many as possible.

Eventually, I heard of the American Topical Assn. and, still later, of its Biology Unit, from which I have received considerable help with identification. Ornithology being my real interest, I have set up my bird stamp collection in the order of the checklist of the American Ornithologists Union, and have (after many hours spent at the library) written up each species on a separate page, with all stamps bearing an acceptable picture of that species mounted somewhere thereon.

One cannot engage in such a project without learning a great deal. Such collecting is not for the intellectually (or physically) lazy. Never having done any bird watching outside the United States, most of the birds I found on the stamps of other countries were new to me, some of them being Old World counterparts of birds in the United States, but most of them being entirely new species, different from anything in our fauna.

One such interesting and unique bird is the Brush Turkey, which appears on British Solomon Island Scott's No. 77. The Brush Turkey is a megapode, a gallinaceous bird, which depends wholly on artificial incubation of its eggs. The megapodes are mound builders, scratching or kicking together great mounds of rubbish, dirt, grass and leaves, into which they deposit their eggs. These mounds are usually conical in shape and some have been found which measure six feet in height.

The eggs are covered with decaying vegetable matter, the heat from which hatches the egg, and the young chick, a precocial bird, runs off into the forest and looks after itself right from the beginning.

The Crowned Crane, which appears on a recent issue of Portuguese Guinea and on Kenya and Uganda No. 63, is another bird which interested me. It is black with white wing coverts and a white and pink face patch, with a ball of feathers resembling black velvet on the head, from which a bunch of straw-like quills radiates.

It is a large bird, similar in size to our Sandhill Crane, but much more striking in appearance. When I later saw it at the zoo, I considered it an old friend and photographed it for comparison with the stamps in my collection.

A visit to the zoo brought me face to face with the Secretary Bird (Angola No. 355), the Shoebill (Sudan No. 99), Abyssinian Ground Hornbill (Liberia No. 271), Upland Goose (Falkland Islands No. 88) and numerous other birds which I recognized at once from my stamp collection. Colored slides of these birds now supplement my stamp collection—but three hobbies are enough! This can go on forever!

Extinct birds have been featured on the stamps of several countries, and a study of them comprises a separate field in ornithology. Tristan da Cunha No. 26 shows a flightless rail, or in the ocean, and one species on island hen, which is now extinct.

Other similar flightless rails live on tiny, bleak islands far out. Wake Island depends on tiny

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caches of rain water that collect in mollusk shells for its only supply of drinking water.



New Zealand's Takahē, even as the Indian Ocean's coelocanth, is supposed to be extinct—but isn't.

New Zealand featured the Takahē (Notornis hochstetteri) on an eight-penny stamp in 1956. This bird has a most interesting history, entirely unfamiliar to me until I acquired the stamp, although a fine article about it appeared in the "National Geographic" in March, 1952.

This flightless bird, which is a large moor hen belonging to the rail family, was first discovered in 1849, but was last seen in New Zealand in 1898. However, Dr. G. B. Orbell, a physician in Invercargill, N.Z., after years of patient search, found the bird in a somewhat remote area of New Zealand and photographed it in 1948. New colonies have since been discovered, and the government has taken steps to conserve the species.

The dodo, the most famous of extinct birds, was featured on Mauritius No. 261.

The tooth-billed pigeon of the Samoan Islands is another fascinating bird whose characteristics and life history I have learned from a stamp of Western Samoa. This bird has the rare distinction of representing in itself a species, genus and subfamily. Its lower mandible is toothed, one of several unusual characteristics which this bird possesses.

The Birds of Paradise alone, as they appear on the stamps of New Guinea, South Moluccas, and Papua and New Guinea, will keep a bird student busy for a considerable time.



Canada's recent Loon stamp utilizes the skill of man to depict the beauty of Nature's handiwork.

Angola's fine set of bird stamps, Nos. 333-356, Hungary's triangles Nos. C96-106, and the U. S. Migratory Bird Hunting Stamps (which are extremely fine portraits of North American waterfowl) in themselves will excite anyone with even a mild interest in birds.

The possibilities of bird watching on stamps are endless, and each collector will emphasize his own special interest. One can be a detective and by a process of elimination deduce what the infinitesimal bird might be which

West Bronx Stamp And Coin Club Meets Weekly

Beginning immediately, the West Bronx Stamp and Coin Club, Inc., New York City, will maintain a schedule of weekly meetings throughout the season.

Meetings will be held at 7 to 10 p.m. every Thursday at the Taft Adult Center, 172nd St. and Sheridan Ave., Bronx, New York City. Members and visitors are welcome.

"Bring some interesting material to trade," urges the secretary, H. Drotman, 945 E. 178th St., New York, who will supply further details to interested collectors.

is following a ship on a given stamp. Or one may try to make a real bird out of a stylized representation. Whatever the line of one's interest, there is always a real challenge to "birding" on

I still have numerous bird stamps reposing in envelopes, because I am not satisfied with my own or anyone else's identification of them. New clues are always developing, new stamps are constantly being issued (such as Canada's recent beautiful picture of the loon), and new sources of material for study are being developed.

The satisfaction with such a hobby comes not only with the sense of accomplishment after a stamp is identified, written up, and placed in the collection, but also in being able to sit in one's favorite chair after a hard day's work and take a bird watching tour of the world without leaving home.

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Raoul Lesgor will speak on the Sower type of France, 50¢ red lined background. Visitors are invited to attend the meeting.

AUCTIONS

Sept. 28, 30—Billig & Rich, 56 W. 42, New York 36, N. Y. U. S. Brit Emp., Papadopulu China Collection Collections by countries.

Sept. 30—Matthew Bennett, 3628 Columbus Dr., Baltimore, Md. U. S. UN Br. Cols., and Wholesales.

Sept. 30-Oct. 1-3—H. R. Harmer, Inc. 6 W. 48th, New York 36, N. Y. U. S. Latin America. Air Post of the world.

Oct. 1—Larry Mano, 34 Court St., Buffalo, N. Y. air NPF Exhibition Sheraton Hotel, Rochester, N. Y. U. S. and General.

Oct. 7—St. Louis Stamp Lounge, Inc., 808½ Pine, St. Louis 1, Mo. U. S. the Americas, general foreign.

Oct. 8-9—H. R. Harmer, Inc. 6 W. 48th St., New York 36, N. Y. Caspary Hawaii including "Missionaries" Confederate States.

Oct. 10-12—J. & H. Stolow, Inc., 50 W. 46th St., New York 36, U. S. Br. Empire, Otago and E. country.

Oct. 11-12—Ralph Orton, 116-118 Nassau St., New York 38. U. S. exclusive. Singles, sheets and whsle.

Oct. 12—Herman Herst, Jr., Stub Oak, New York, U. S. at TMPS Convention, Bloomingdale, Ill. U. S. and possessions, British.

Oct. 12—Earl P. Apelbaum, Inc., 1428 S. Penn Sq., Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. Germany and Cols. British Empire.

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Oct. 15—Star Stamp Co., 505 Fifth Ave., New York 17. Br. Empire incl. pounds; semipostals.

Oct. 15-Pasadena Stamp Co., 419 S. Grand Oaks Ave., Pasadena, Calif. U. S. Br. Cols., foreign; collection, whsle.

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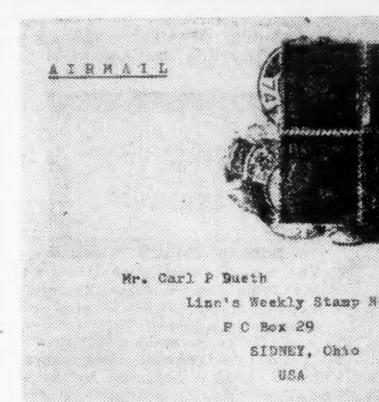
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GERMANY (West). A television screen warming up before the picture appears is the design of a 10pf. stamp issued on August 23 in recognition of the television industry in Germany.**NICARAGUA.** During the month of September a 12-value set, six postage and six airmail, will be issued in commemoration of the Nicaragua Merchant Marine. The stamps will be multi-colored and the denominations will be: postage —4c, 5c, 6c, 10c, 15c and 50c; airmail—25c, 30c, 50c, 60c, 1.00 and 2.50.**RYUKYU ISLAND.** Commemorating the Seventh Newspaper Week, a 4-yen dark blue stamp will be placed on sale October 1. A pen and map of Okinawa comprise the design.**SWITZERLAND.** Two sets of service stamps were placed on sale on September 16. The first set is for the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union in Berne, and the second is for the World Health Organization in Geneva. Values and colors for both sets are: 5c grey, 10c green, 20c red, 40c blue, 60c brown, and 2fr purple.

The design of the 10, 20, and 60c values of the first set is Pegasus, a sculpture on the wall of the Universal Postal Building, while the 5c, 40, and 2fr values depict the monument of the Universal Postal Union. The design of the second set is a UNO symbol and the wand of Aesculapius.

Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club Elects

In the final session of the season, the Metropolitan Airmail Cover Club of New York selected a slate of officers for the term beginning with the September 13 meeting.

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I. S. Lindquist

Like the popular song "Love and Marriage", birds and stamps go together. They have much in common. Both, for instance, are great travelers. Stamps carry our messages around the world, while birds on their spring and fall migrations cover thousands of miles. There are other reasons birds deserve postal recognition. They carried the mails centuries before stamps were born. In the 11th century, during the Crusades, the people back home were kept informed on the progress of the Crusades by carrier pigeons.

Did you know that the Rothschilds, the international bankers in London, kept pigeon lofts in Belgium and thereby received news of happenings on the continent long before any other agency or even the British government itself? One most profitable scoop for them was the news of Wellington's victory over Napoleon at Waterloo. By carrier pigeons they were the first to hear the news, long before the government or the public.

Another news-carrying epic was at Paris. At the time of the siege of Paris during the Franco-Prussian war, the city was completely cut off from the outside world until balloons were sent out taking mail and carrier pigeons. Thereafter, the pigeons carried the mail into the city and contact with the world was restored.

Then a signal corps officer sent "Cher Ami", a carrier pigeon, with a message to headquarters, giving the location and an appeal to cease the destructive artillery fire. For Capt. Whittleby's men, "Cher Ami" was the last and only hope.

You can well imagine the dismay of the men when the pigeon, flying over the German lines, suddenly began to flutter and fall to the ground. That was a moment of real despair, but suddenly, as if by some miracle, the bird rose and was again in flight and completed its mission. When "Cher Ami" reached headquarters, its feathers were soaked in blood, one eye was shot through, and one leg was hanging by a mere tendon. However, the artillery fire was immediately stopped and the surviving men of the battalion were rescued.

Gen. Pershing loved this bird and carried it in his own head to the transport that was to bring it home to America. The general insisted that "Cher Ami" share the captain's cabin on the voyage home. Today this pigeon is mounted and on display at the American Museum in Washington, D. C., a place of honor for all time. The United States may eventually issue a commemorative honoring "Cher Ami".

It seems that each chariot was painted a different color, and the winner was declared by the color of his chariot. For instance, if the winning chariot happened to be blue, the Roman fans immediately stained the feathers of their swallows blue, and tossed them into the air to carry the victory news to the chariot fans back in the provinces.

You would know that they had jackpots in those days, the same as we have today, and I think I discovered a stamp that proves it. It's "West Africa, Scott's No. C14. Note the scene on an African desert, and you will see a group of Arabs who have just rushed out of their tents to scan the sky for the returning swallows—in order to see the color that wins the jackpot. Anyway, that's the way it looks to me.

Coming up to our own time, we know the pigeons did heroic work in carrying messages in both World Wars. In World War I, 50,000 pigeons were utilized by American forces, and 54,000 in World War II. In the last war, the records show that the signal corps' pigeons served effectively on all fronts.

In the Mediterranean theatre, the birds were the only means of communications available to the ground forces on at least 20 different occasions. The intelligence section was successful in utilizing pigeons to send information gathered behind enemy lines.

In the Tunisian campaign alone, 657 pigeons were sent to units at or near the front, and they carried 215 urgent, secret and other important messages with 100% delivery. Calls for ammunition were among the messages. From the Office of Strategic Services we learn that all OSS agents parachuting behind enemy lines carried pigeons, and on numerous occasions the birds were the only means of contact with agents.

Out of the wars have come many tales of extraordinary feats. Some of our feathered heroes displayed all the courage and determination found in the front line soldiers who won medals for heroism. I never tire of telling about two outstanding exploits. One in World War I by "Cher Ami", and the other in World War II by a pigeon named "G.I. Joe".

Some of you may recall Capt. Whittleby's Lost Battalion in World War I. This unit advanced too rapidly. The soldiers exceeded their objectives, so that by morn-

a pigeon service and carrier pigeons carried the mail daily to the islands. This saved the industry by boosting the morale of the men.



The world's first airmail stamp? Many regard New Zealand's Great Barrier Island pigeon post first emission, 1898.

The rectangular pigeon stamp is now referred to as the original airmail stamp. At first the New Zealand postal authorities looked askance at it, but it wasn't long before New Zealand began boasting that it produced the first airmail stamp in the world.

This "first airmail" ran up a total of six stamps, the last being a set of triangles, (6d dull blue and 1/- carmine) issued in July 1899. Two more, for the nearby Marotiri Copper Mines, were issued a month later.

The pigeon stamp service was discontinued in 1899 when telegraph service began. Since this was a decade before the Wright brothers lifted their plane off the ground, New Zealand can back her claim. Note the flying pigeon is the central theme of the stamp.



The Great Barrier "airmails" were short lived. The sixth, and last, was issued in July 1899.

The first stamp to feature a bird is the Basel dove stamp of Switzerland, issued in 1845. Western Australia followed Switzerland by honoring the black swan in 1854. Most of the early stamps honored kings or queens, but Switzerland and Western Australia honored birds. The black swan was the emblem of the colony, and a reminder of the days when it was known as the Swan River Settlement.

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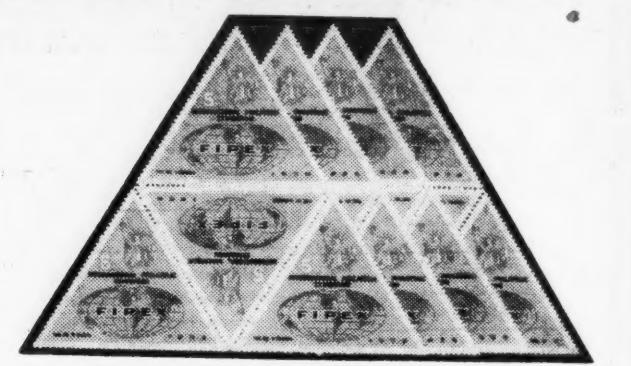
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The following is quoted from the

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